

Minutes of September 26, 2011

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM; all members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were waived.

Herbert Abelow, Chairman of the School Committee, appeared before the Board regarding responses to questions that were asked by Michael Skorput.

Debra Herman of the Technology Committee appeared before the Board with concerns and suggestions about the Town's website. The Board would like Ms. Herman to present a list of the suggestions for them to review.

The Chair advised that the Board received a letter from Claire Anacreon requesting the Town waive fees for the FY10 real estate fees she owes. The Board will consult with the Tax Collector and Town Treasurer and will follow up with this issue.

Selectmen Yohalem advised the Board that it was directed by the Town Meeting this past May to form a committee for the purpose of establishing a committee to explore establishing a position of Town Administrator. He advised that the Board already has one letter of interest for the committee. Resident Robert Bradley advised the Board that he would be interested in serving on the committee. Resident Barbara Marchione advised that the Town has several unresolved issues and that most of the prior committees have not resolved the issues yet. Mrs. Marchione went on to say that there are several people doing much work that is unfunded, so why consider such a paid position at this time. Resident Daniel Litchfield III advised that he would like to be considered for the committee and that he is opposed to the Town having a Town Administrator. Selectmen Davis mentioned that a committee will need guidelines from the Board with a date to report back to the Board with its findings.

Updates:

EDM – plans for entrance at the back of the Town Hall.

Peter Marks, Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the status of the emergency roadwork; Hadsell Street going to the falls is complete, Clayton Mill River Road work project will start this week, and Canaan Southfield Road is still on hold, Campbell Falls Road will need more repairs that were previously reported. Mr. Marks was asked by the Board if he needed additional help with getting the roads completed by winter. He advised that at this time no additional help is needed and the roads should be completed by winter.

Barbara Marchione, Emergency Management Director, appeared before the Board with an update from the latest meeting with FEMA. Mrs. Marchione also submitted a bill for \$500.00 from William Brinker for completion of the draft of the Emergency Mitigation Plan. Mrs. Marchione mentions that as each road project is completed the Town may submit the bill to FEMA for payment; each voucher must be detailed when submitted. Mrs. Marchione also recommended that the Board consider paying Peter Marks for all the additional time that he has put in since Storm Irene.

Mr. Daniel Litchfield advised that the Town should be impressed with all the personnel response to the emergency and all townspeople should feel comfortable knowing they are being well provided for.

Resident Courtney Turner advised that he is very concerned and upset about the cost New Marlborough is paying for the schools. Mr. Turner wonders why the cost is so high and he has done much research on this subject. He feels that the other four towns should not dictate how much money New Marlborough has to pay.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
Administrative Assistant